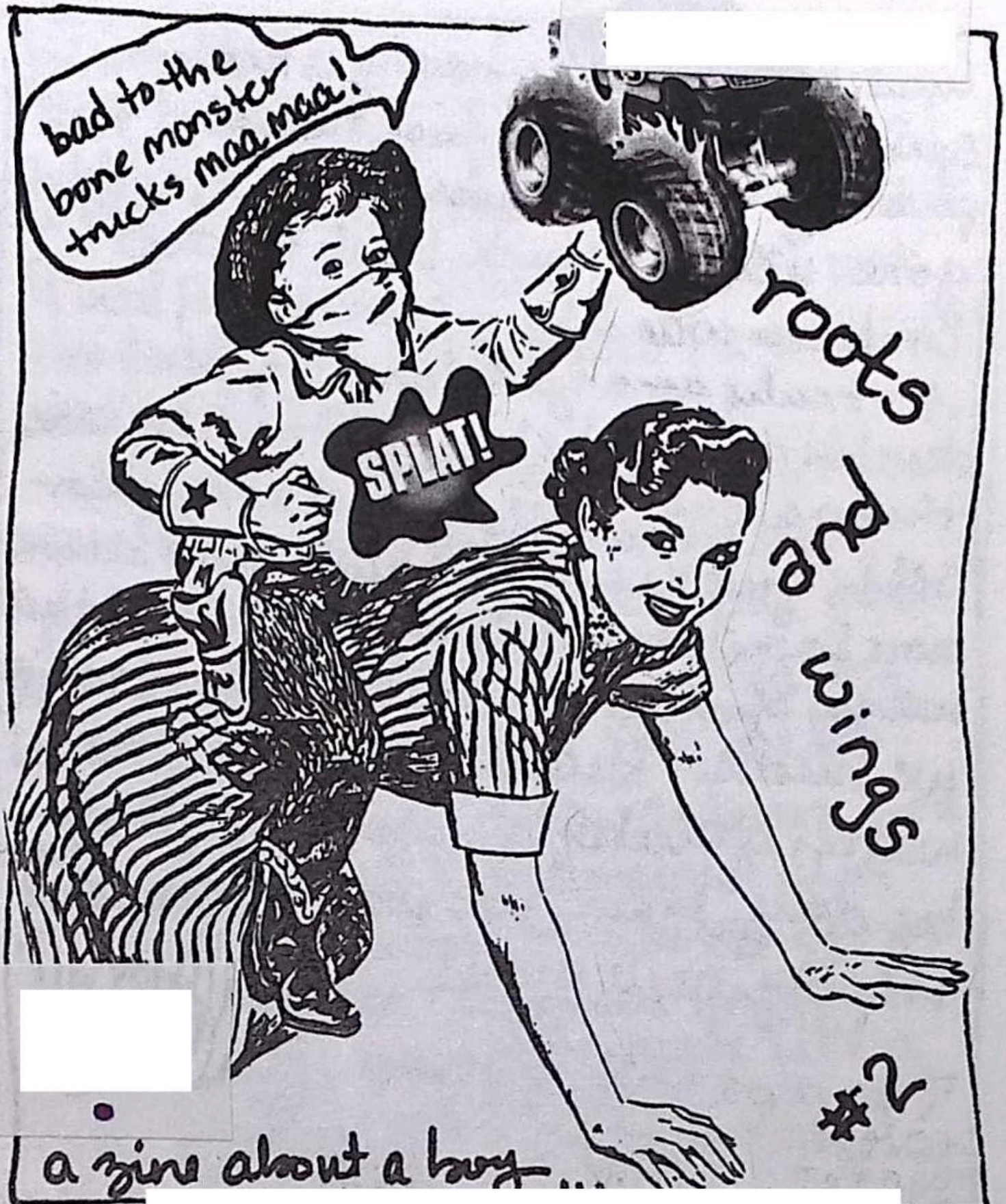

bad to the bone monster trucks maa maa!
SPLAT!
roots and wings
#2
a zine about a boy...

Auld Lang Syne... having a Kiddo truly opens my eyes to the dual nature of time passing - long at times, and yet, suddenly gone. When I think back to what Emiliano was like in January of 2007 it's truly amazing to realize that in twelve months he learned to walk, talk, throw a ball, run, better express himself, give kisses and hugs, and became more familiar with his world in countless ways. You don't realize how amazing we human beings are until you watch a child growing up, day by day. Man, we are unbelievable!

Happy new year!

♡ to papa - who puts up with A LOT!

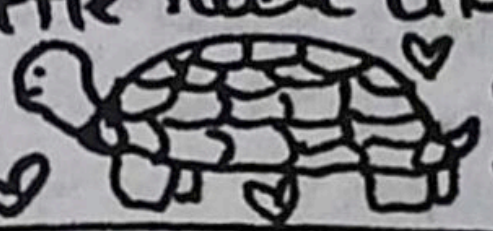
JAN _ - 2008

Editor's "my bad."

Just call me ye olde Knucklehead! I can't believe that in the piece about E's name (see issue #1) I left out the first two nicknames he ever received! Doh!

Before he was born his grandparents (Brett's folks) nicknamed him "pickle." Not a long story, but too long to get into here. Sorry for leaving that one out, Ma Zeeb!

When he was born, Brett and I nicknamed him "tortuga" (Spanish for "turtle") because he often stretched out his little neck like a turtle coming out of its shell.



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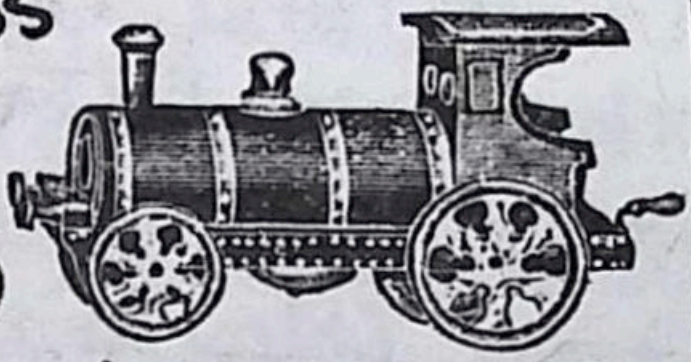
A nerdy library reference!

The reason many baby books don't go past the first year is probably because after the first year it's almost impossible to keep up with all the new things kids do! Here are a few of the firsts and other details I jotted in my journal for the year.

* Walked on February 5th (two days shy of his first birthday).
* First birthday "cake": carrot cupcakes with maple cream cheese frosting and candied carrot slices. (Feb. 10)
* That green balloon from Jewel that he clung to so happily on the walk home. (Apr. 29)

* First concert: Los Straightjackets at Fitzgerald's in Berwyn. (May 5)



* Walked a library book up to the Circulation Desk (without being told!) (Oct. 9)

* Said his own name (he pronounces it "Miyano"). (Oct. 30)

* Trick-or-treating for the first time dressed as a red devil. (Oct. 31) Attempted to trade candy.

* Said "bibliotca" ("library" in Spanish) and "chocolate" — Very important words! (Nov. 7)

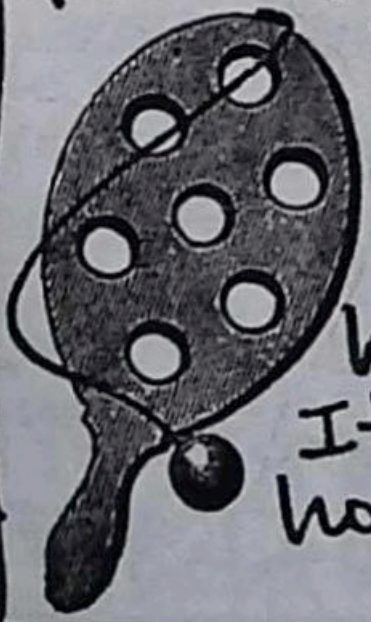
* Re sings! "Three Blind Mice," "BINGO," "Mary Had a Little

Lamb," and, of course, "Bad To The Bone." (Fall/Winter)

* Had hot chocolate for the first time. (Nov. 11)

* Counts in English and in Spanish (up to about ten). (Winter)

* First (and hopefully only) visit to the ER with a bizarre dislocated elbow from simply rolling over on the bed?! (Nov. 15) If you ask, he will re-enact the whole thing for you and tell you the brand name of the hospital bed we sat on too! It took FOUR adults to hold him down for x-rays!



* Licked his first spatula - vegan chocolate cake! (Dec. 1)
* Started using the word "please" fairly regularly (Dec. 3)
* Rode his sled for the first time. (Dec. 15) Something I, a fairly recent transplant to the Midwest from the DEEP SOUTH, have yet to do.
* Speaking in complete sentences! (Dec.)

Okay, attentive to details, obsessed, or simply in loove?

Discuss!

High-larious

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doing the whole LL Cool J thing
2. Take it easy, guys!
(to a couple of construct
3. Bbbbbbbad. What I see I m
(yes, he is quoting George [redacted]
4. Miyano make a burp (fart)
5. mami's mustache. (Obviously
6. making donuts! (This would
7. Miyano wants quiche on th
8. Open it, blanco bear, open it,

(*that possibly only his

lings Emiliano says*

9. Make it, baby!
10. Mami's bun (said with much love for the lame bun I pull my hair into every day. Thanks, Emiliano! ♥)

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lease. (To the polar bear in Snowbear's Christmas Countdown)

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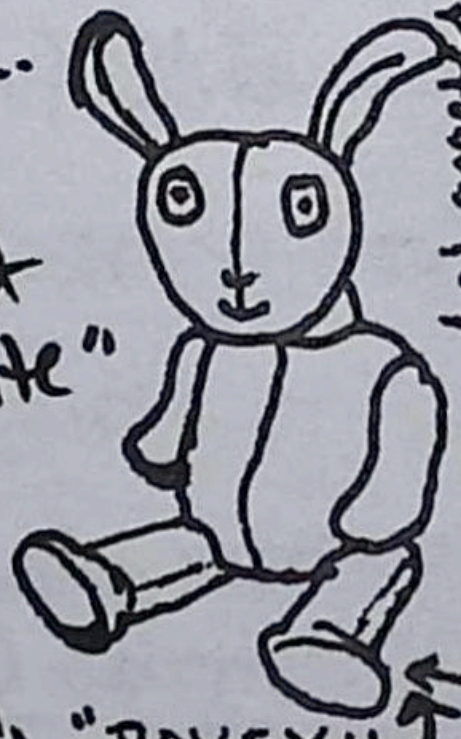
We read ALOT! About as much, if not more, than we watch that bad-to-the-bone-monster-truck! video on YouTube (see page 11 for details). Hopefully videos of insanely constructed vehicles crushing things never replace books in our household. Yeah... Here are a few of our fairly recent "favorites" (favorite" meaning that Emiliano asked us to read them, ph, "POKEY"



minor, unnamed characters from the Llama Llama books. Named by Tio Scott.

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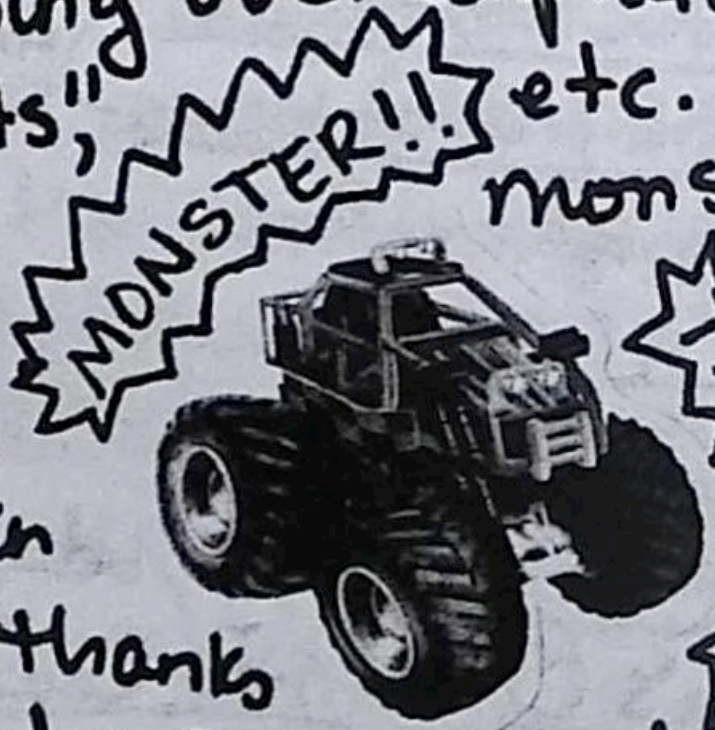
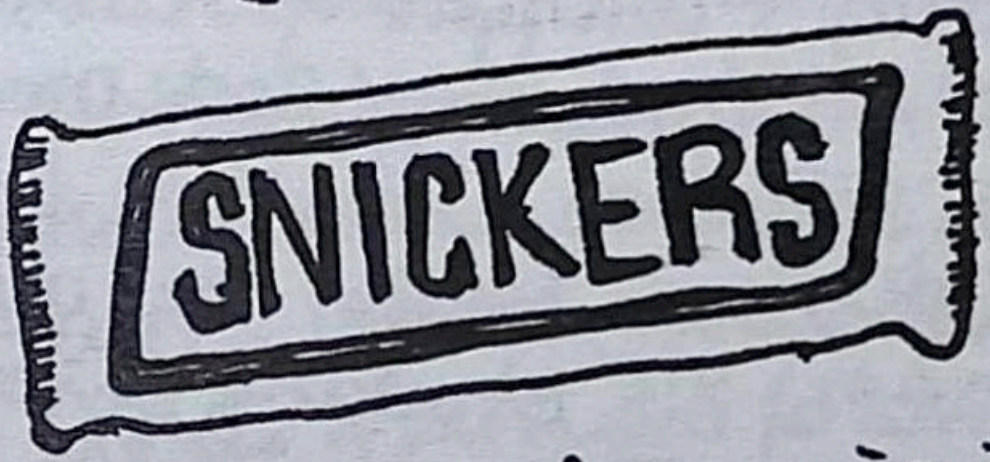
ke "or so"]]).

Freight Train by Donald Crews
- Llama Llama Red Pajama } Anna Dewdney
- Llama Llama Mad at Mama
- Big Wheels by Anne Rockwell
- Dude On A Bike by David Shannon
- Madlenka's Dog by Peter Sis
- Wild About Books by Judy Sier
- Snowbear's Christmas Countdo
  by Theresa Smythe
- Click Clack Moo: Cows That Type
  Doreen Cronin
- Corduroy's Best Halloween Eve
- Corduroy's Party
- Moooove Over by Karen Beil

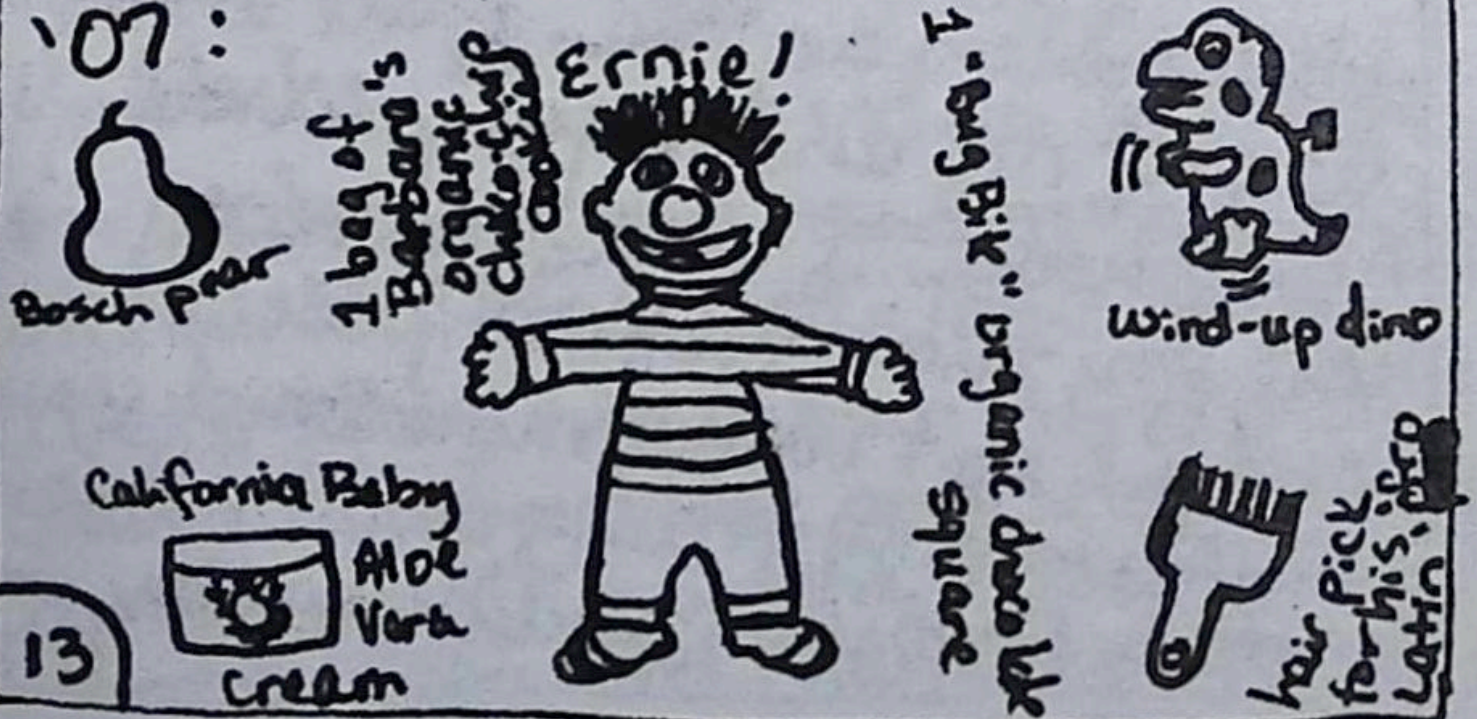
It is the obsession du jour for my boy. In the last month I've seen big wheels crushing cars, jumping over airplanes, "making donuts", etc. I've seen more monster trucks in a few weeks than I have in 35 years thanks to Youtube. The one video he insists on watching over and over is the one with "Bad To the Bone" as its theme song. Do a "monster truck" search on Youtube and select the video that's 5 mins. 1 second long. Enjoy! And thank me later. ♡



Emiliano and I both went trick-or-treating for the FIRST TIME EVER in 2007! I won't get into why I have never in my 35 years gone out on Halloween as this zine is not about me and my deprived childhood. I will, however, tell you that the first piece of candy E got was a mini Snickers. Which is only fitting as it is his papa's favorite candy bar! ♡



This Christmas it dawned on me how much more fun I think it is to empty out one's stocking than to open gifts. Ah, all the cool little trinkets that can fit into one big old sock! Last year I whipped up a stocking for E - red corduroy, sock monkey patterned fabric, and little fuzzy red and brown balls. Here are the contents of E's stocking for xmas '07:

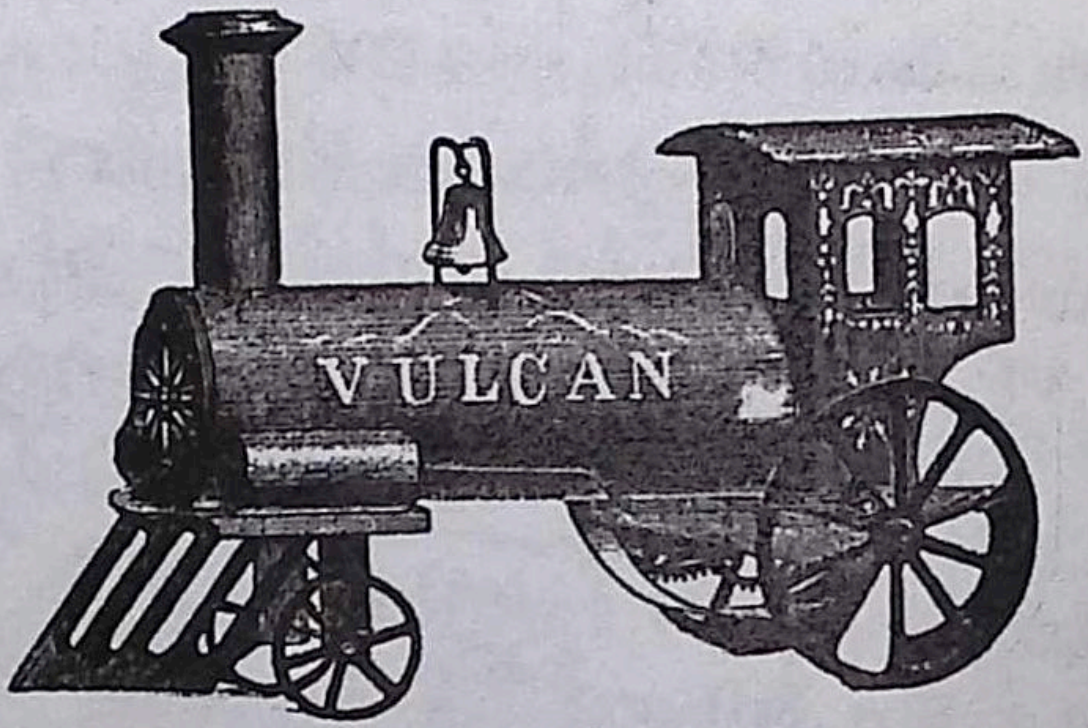


"Roots and wings.
Roots and wings.
I've got to go,
Daddy-O."

Emiliano and his mami would like to thank Maira Kalman who writes the raddest of children's books, including Max Makes A Million (1990), where the title for this zine was found!

"There is an old Chinese proverb that says parents must give their children two things, roots and wings."

["roots & wings" issue #2]



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